

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 858  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator Jim Bryson on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Bryson is one such distinguished public servant whose illustrious career in the Senate will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2006 Session of the 104<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bryson has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Senate District 23 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Jim Bryson by electing him as their representative to the Tennessee Senate, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his two terms in the Senate, he has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on July 14, 1961, Jim Bryson graduated from Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and from Vanderbilt University with a master's degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Bryson is a dynamic and active participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and service during the 103<sup>rd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; he has astutely served as Secretary of the Government Operations Committee; a member of the Senate Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee; a member of the Senate Education Committee; and a member of the Fiscal Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Jim Bryson has given his time and energies to many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Brentwood/Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce, the American Marketing Association, the Marketing Research Association, the National Rifle Association, and Tennessee Right to Life; and

WHEREAS, a tireless public servant, Jim Bryson has also volunteered his time as a member of the President's Board of Advisors of Williamson Christian College, and he is the past President of the Qualitative Research Consultant's Association; and

WHEREAS, for his unparalleled devotion to public service and his constituents, Senator Jim Bryson has received numerous awards and honors, a testament to the honesty, integrity, and overall exemplary character and devotion with which he has performed his duties as a servant of the people; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive business professional, Jim Bryson works in the field of market research when the legislature is not in session; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Senator Jim Bryson is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Carol; and

WHEREAS, married in 1991, Jim and Carol Bryson are the proud parents of four children: Maria, Nadia, Nick, and Alex; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Jim Bryson is an active member of the First Baptist Church, which he has faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bryson's retirement from the General Assembly will leave a void that will not easily be filled, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of Senate District 23; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our respected friend and colleague, Senator Jim Bryson; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that we hereby honor Senator Jim Bryson on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.